Allocation of power to Gujarat

1428. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has represented at any time against reduction in the allocation of power from the unallocated quota of generating stations of Western region and Eastern region, as they are already facing acute shortage of power, almost through out the year;

(b) whether the Chief Minister of Gujarat has also requested the Minister for restoring the original allocated quota of the central generating stations to the States;

(c) whether the Members of Parliament have also submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister personally in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government on the points raised in the memorandum?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The allocation of power from unallocated quota of Central Generating Stations (CGSs) in Western Region (WR) was revised in February, 2006 and power was allocated to more deficit States/UTs in the Region by reducing the allocation of Gujarat and Goa, due to their relatively comfortable position. Subsequently, keeping in view the request of Gujarat for allocation of additional power and relative power supply position of WR constituents, the allocation of Gujarat out of this quota was enhanced by 5% (from 4.1% to 9.1%) in January, 2007.

In response to the memorandum dated 16.12.2006 submitted to the Prime Minister by Shri L.K. Advani and other Members of Parliament from Gujarat, the above facts have been intimated to Shri L.K. Advani, MP, under intimation to the Prime Minister's Office.

Power plant in Andhra Pradesh

1429. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to set up a new power plant in Andhra Pradesh during the current year;